ables against its own Additional Import Licences. The items which can be imported against these Licences are subject *to* the Import-Export Policy of the relevant piriod and the raw material requirements of the small scale units.

(b) NSIC has so far not imported any 03L items in bulk under the IRMAC scheme as pjr import and Export Policy, April. 1988—March, 1991.

(c) NSIC is not a canalising agency for any item.

(d) NSIC imparts those items which are needed by the small scale units in case they are unable to procure on their own because of financial constraints, lack of information etc. Those units should be registered with the respective State Directorate of Industries as small scale units.

Agreement signed with LNIDO for modernisation of small scale sector

4537. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA : Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has recently signed an agreement with the United Nations International Development Organisation (UNIDO) for modernisation of small scale sector in the country through the Italian Federation of Small, and Medium Industrie,; if so, whatii re the details of the agreement;

(b) what are the types/names of items in which the Italian Federation or the Italian firms could offer most modern and sophisticated technology transfer on turnkey basts to Indian small scale Industries'and by when it will start operating and also the names and addresses of the agency/ agencies to be contacted for such technology transfer, and

(c) whether similar proposal has also been offered by other countries or their trade/commerce organisation; if so, what are the names of such countries and the details of their offer, countrywise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) UNIDO has a p;ojectto arrange plant-level cooperation between the small and medium industries in Italy and other developing countries, which includes India also. This project proposal has been accepted by the Government. However, no formal agreement has been signed by India with UNIDO in this regard.

(b) Under the UNIDO project four sub-sectors of industry namely (i) metal engineering, (ii) leather pro cessing, goods and machinery, (iii) food processing and packaging, and (iv) granite and marble have been identified for plant-level cooperation between the small and medium in dustries in India and Italy. Small Industries Development Organisation is the Nodal Agency in India for the project.

(c) There is no other oiler of pro ject proposals of this kind from any other country.